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## The Council of Seventy.

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Professor James S. Riggs has preached at Vassar College three successive Sundays. His topic was The Sermon on the Mount. A course of lectures on Biblical Geography is also contemplated.

Professor Frank K. Sanders is conducting in the *Sunday School Times* a senior Bible class. The work covers such portions of the Scriptures as are selected from week to week in the International Lessons.

Professor Lincoln Hulley, of Bucknell University, will spend the coming summer in Europe. At present he is giving weekly lectures on Sunday afternoons in Baltimore, Md., on The Life and Letters of Paul and The Book of Psalms.

The following members of the Council were present at the meeting of the Society for Biblical Exegesis in New York City last December : Professors Chas. F. Bradley, Ernest D. Burton, Shailer Mathews, Willis J. Beecher, and Frank K. Sanders.

Professor A. H. Huizinga and Professor Geo. R. Hovey have found it necessary for personal reasons to resign from the Council. The membership now stands, therefore : In the Old Testament Chamber, twenty-one ; New Testament Chamber, sixteen ; General Chamber, thirteen ; whole number, fifty.

Dr. Herbert L. Willett has recently conducted the following institutes : at Rock Island, Ill., four lectures, The Beginnings of the Church, Early Phases and Events of Christian History, The Best Days of the Apostle Paul, The Culmination of the Ministry of the Apostle Paul. At Des Moines, Iowa, six lectures on The Beginnings of Christianity, and again at Perry, Iowa, the same course. Dr. Willett will visit the Pacific coast in July, and it is possible that he may offer instruction at the California assemblies. For six weeks from February 1st he will give instruction in connection with the Bible chair recently established at the University of Virginia, under the auspices of the denomination of the Disciples.

Two Sunday Bible classes under the instruction of members of the Council of Seventy are in progress at The University of Chicago. The first is taught by President William R. Harper. The subject under consideration is Prophecy and the History of Prophecy, a study of the prophetic periods and the underlying principles of prophecy. The second is under the charge of Professor Ernest D. Burton, the subject, An Historical Study of the Life of the Christ. About 100 students are registered for each course. Regular reading and weekly themes are required of each student, and college credit to the extent of one-quarter major is given for each course. Both courses will continue through the winter and spring quarters.

A course of lectures on Life after Death is being delivered simultaneously at The University of Chicago and at Central Music Hall, Chicago. The names of the following members of the Council appear in the list of speakers: January 17th, Dr. Jas. H. Breasted, Life after Death among the Egyptians; January 24th, Professor E. T. Harper, Life after Death among the Assyro-Babylonians; January 31st, Professor Geo. S. Goodspeed, Life after Death in Ancient Persia and India; February 14th, President William R. Harper, Life after Death among the Hebrews; February 28th, Professor Ernest D. Burton, Life after Death in the New Testament; March 21st, Professor W. D. Mackenzie, Life after Death from the Point of View of Philosophy.

The following gentlemen, elected to the Council at the annual meeting last December, have accepted membership:

OLD TESTAMENT CHAMBER: Professors Nathaniel Schmidt, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.; G. L. Robinson, Knox Theological Seminary, Toronto, Ont.

NEW TESTAMENT CHAMBER: Professors A. W. Anthony, Cobb Divinity School, Lewiston, Me.; E. I. Bosworth, Oberlin Theological Seminary, Oberlin, Ohio; W. A. Stevens, Rochester Theological Seminary, Rochester, N. Y.

GENERAL CHAMBER: Professors E. K. Mitchell, Hartford Theological Seminary, Hartford, Conn.; B. L. Hobson, McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago.

A course of lectures on current religious questions will be given on Sunday evenings, commencing with February 14th and extending through May 9th, in Union Park Church, Chicago, of which Rev. F. A. Noble, D.D., is pastor. Several members of the Council of Seventy

will be among the lecturers : Professor James Lewis Hobson, Philosophical Basis of Theology ; Professor George B. Foster, The Basis of Theology ; Professor Edward T. Harper, Higher Criticism and the Pentateuch ; Professor Augustus S. Carrier, Credibility of the Historical Books of the Old Testament ; Professor Samuel Ives Curtiss, Prophecy : Object, Scope, and Use ; Professor Andrew C. Zenos, Inspiration : How to be Defined and Accepted ; President Charles J. Little, The Place of Christ in Modern Thought ; Dr. Clyde W. Votaw, New Testament Interpretation as Affected by Recent Studies and Investigations ; Professor William D. Mackenzie, Evolution Theories and Christian Doctrine ; Professor George H. Gilbert, The Teaching of Jesus in regard to the Hereafter.

The prize examinations in Hebrew, New Testament Greek, and the English Bible, offered to college students annually by the American Institute of Sacred Literature, will take place March 10th. The following colleges have enrolled contestants : Cornell University, University of Denver, Northwestern University, Amherst College, Smith College, University of Wyoming, Bates College, University of New Brunswick, St. Stephens College (Annandale, N. Y.), University of the State of Missouri, Missouri Valley College (Marshall, Mo.), Harvard University, Oberlin College, Bryn Mawr College, Bucknell University, University of Oregon, St. Benedict's College (Atchison, Kan.), Hiram College (Hiram, Ohio), Albion College, Drury College (Springfield, Mo.), Brown University, Gates College (Neligh, Neb.), Shurtleff College (Upper Alton, Ill.), Earlham College (Richmond, Ind.), Franklin and Marshall College (Lancaster, Pa.), Columbia University (New York City), Penn College (Oskaloosa, Iowa), Knox College (Galesburg, Ill.), University of Illinois, Beloit College, Bowdoin College, McMaster University (Toronto), Avalon College (Trenton, Mo.), Tabor College (Tabor, Iowa), Coe College (Cedar Rapids, Iowa), St. John's College (Winfield, Kan.), Yale University.